which is eventually converted into a permanent lodging. The interests of Government will, in no way, be affected by this shifting. Jamabandi officers pass orders that the houses should be removed and a fine levied for erecting without permission. This is a hardship to the raiyats. Unassessed lands in the malnad are considered as *mufat*. As the building of houses in their own lands will in no way affect the Government interests or the interests of other raiyats, permission may be granted to build houses in *mufat* lands without restriction.

Reply of Government.—The raiyats in the malnad must know to respect the laws. The convenience of raiyats will always be consulted, but Government permission must be obtained in all such cases.

SUBJECT No. 145.

Removal of stones from Government lands by raiyats.

Messrs. Chikkannaiya, Goribidnur Taluk; Gundu Rao, Basave Gowda and Munisami Reddi, Bowringpet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats were hitherto enjoying the privilege of removing stones from Government lands free of cost. Lately the right of removing such stones has been ordered to be auctioned every year. This entails hardship on the raiyats. Orders are solicited to revoke the above mentioned order.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules are sufficiently liberal and cannot be changed.

SUBJECT No. 146.

Exemption of bullocks used for agricultural purposes from grazing fees.

Mr. Venkataramanaiya, Taluk Member, Holalkere.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats' bullocks used in ploughing and such other agricultural operations are seldom taken out for grazing purposes for want of time. They may therefore be exempted from grazing fees both in the forest as well as in the Revenue Department.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 147.

Sale of grazing rights on channel bunds to be discontinued.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The present practice of selling grazing rights on channel bunds may, it is requested, be discontinued, the neighbouring raiyats being allowed to graze their cattle thereon as many villages have no gomal lands.

Reply of Government.—Grazing on bunds ought not to be permitted. It is a wrong practice. If there is grass on bunds, the cutting and removing of it only should be permitted. Orders will be issued to this effect.

SUBJECT No. 148.

Prompt disposal of applications for takavi loans.

Messrs. D. S. Hanumantha Rao Devanhalli Taluk; Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications for loans for the improvement of lands are left undisposed of for years together. This actually tends to defeat the objects of the Regulation. Hence prompt disposal should be ordered.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 149.

Tax on itinerant traders.

Mr. Tirunarna Iyengar, Hassan District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The system of taxing itinerant traders is operating harshly on growers of produce who carry their commodities for sale in weekly markets, and on itinerant traders in salt and piece goods in villages. This has also become a source of illegal gratification to sharp